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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH EVALUATION

1. DR. COWPER, AID/TA/H, VISITED SFM MAY 8-10. HE FOUND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SITUATION GOOD AND THE PARAMEDICS VERY EFFECTIVE. HIS ONLY MAJOR RECOMMENDATION WAS IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRIMARY SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM. SFM/E-SYSTEMS HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION AND TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL.

2. AT THE BASE CAMP, HE CONSIDERED THE WATER MUCH IMPROVED BY THE RO SYSTEM BUT RECOMMENDED CONTINUING CAREFUL CHECKS DURING ITS BREAKING-IN PERIOD. THE PRIMARY SEWAGE TREATMENT, HOWEVER, NEEDS REDESIGN OR RECONSTRUCTION. THE SOLIDS ARE NOT BEING REMOVED SUFFICIENTLY, SEDIMENT IN THE LAGOON IS PREVENTING ADEQUATE FILTRATION, AND THE WATER IS TOO DEEP FOR PROPER OXIDATION. HE SUGGESTED THE ADDITION OF ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL PONDS AS A SOLUTION.

3. THE RODENT CONTROL IS EXCELLENT BUT THE PRESENT MEASURES SHOULD BE CONTINUED. NO PARTICULAR INSECT INFESTATIONS WERE FOUND. THE REFUSE SITE IS THE MAJOR POTENTIAL PROBLEM; THE CON-

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TROL EFFORT SPENT THERE IS WORTHWHILE; AND CONDITIONS ARE BETTER THAN BEFORE.

4. THE KITCHEN AREA IS GOOD. BUT PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT, AS THEY OCCASIONALLY DO, SMOKE OR WEAR STREET CLOTHES WHILE WORKING THERE. A SELF-CLOSING DEVICE SHOULD BE PUT ON THE BATHROOM DOOR.

5. A VISIT TO MITLA EAST SHOWED GOOD MAINTENANCE, ADEQUATE
SEWAGE DISPOAL AND SATISFACTORY FOOD CONTROL.

6. HE SUGGESTS THAT MANAGEMENT PULL TOGETHER INTO ONE REPORT
THE VARIOUS MONTHLY MEMOS TOUCHING ON PUBLIC HEALTH. MANAGEMENT
AND THE PARAMEDICS WERE CONGRATULATED FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR
PUBLIC HEALTH WORK. A COPY OF THE REPORT IS BEING POUCHED.
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